

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   **1.**           A data-entry apparatus comprising:  
2                   a device for entering data;  
3                   a display for displaying information confirming the security of  
4                   the data-entry apparatus; and  
5                   an encryption circuit, communicatively coupled to the data-  
6                   entry device and the display.

1                   2.       The data-entry apparatus of claim **1**,  
2                   wherein the device for entering data comprises  
3                   a touch pad.

1                   3.       The apparatus of claim **1**, further comprising a second  
2                   display, and  
3                   wherein the first and second displays are physically separate.

1                   4.       The apparatus of claim **1**, further comprising a second  
2                   display, and  
3                   wherein the first and second displays are under the control of respective  
4                   first and second controllers that in turn are communicatively coupled to  
5                   and under the control of the encryption circuit.

1                   5.       The apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the displayed  
2                   information comprises  
3                   an icon.

1                   **6.**           A method for accepting data on a data-entry  
2                   apparatus, the method comprising:  
3                   refraining from displaying information asserting a data-entry

- 4 device's ability to securely receive data;
- 5 then preparing to encrypt data received on the data-entry
- 6 device;
- 7 then displaying information asserting the data-entry device's
- 8 ability to securely receive data.

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